

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, August 24, 2026, in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Borowsky asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor Lisa Borowsky; Vice Mayor Maryann McAllen; and Councilmembers Jan Dubauskas, Barry Graham, Adam Kwasman, Kathy Littlefield (arrived at 5:02 P.M.), and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney Luis Santaella, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Kwasman.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Whitehead requested a moment of silence.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Borowsky discussed two recent events. One event was the Small Business Administration Supplier Matchmaker Executive Networking Reception that was held at the Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort. The event connected small businesses with major corporate and government procurement opportunities. She also noted the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference, hosted at the Arizona Biltmore, took place last week and was attended by Mayor Borowsky, several Councilmembers, and other City leaders. The Conference brings together leaders from across Arizona to share ideas, address common challenges, and find solutions. The Mayor noted the City's support for a proposed resolution that would be presented to the State Legislature addressing short-term rental concerns.

Mayor Borowsky noted the results of the July 21, 2026 Primary Election. She congratulated Councilwoman Solange Whitehead on her re-election and congratulated Councilman Barry Graham,

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Michelle Ugenti-Rita, and Raoul Zubia on advancing to the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Mayor Borowsky recognized Councilwoman Whitehead who thanked Scottsdale residents for participating in the Primary Election. Councilwoman Whitehead stated that Scottsdale residents care deeply about their community and are forward looking. She congratulated Councilman Barry Graham, Michelle Ugenti-Rita, and Raoul Zubia for advancing to the November General Election to fill the two remaining Council seats.

MOTION AND VOTE – SUSPEND RULES OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to suspend the Rules of Council Procedure related to non-agendized public comment and allow up to ten residents to speak now instead of at the end of the meeting. Vice Mayor McAllen seconded the motion, which failed 3/4 with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmember Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman and Littlefield dissenting.

PRESENTATION/INFORMATION UPDATES

- **Employee Recognition Program:**
The City Council will recognize employees with 20 or more years of service as of August 2026.
Presenter(s): Holly Peralta, Communications Senior Director
Note: The Council may make comments or ask questions to the presenter(s); however, no Council action will be taken

Senior Director of Communications Holly Peralta gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) which recognized City of Scottsdale employees with 20 or more years of services as of August 2026.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the following Council meeting minutes from June 2026:

- a. **Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026**
- b. **Special Meeting Minutes (Budget) of June 9, 2026**
- c. **Special Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026**
- d. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026

MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Vice Mayor McAllen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026; Special Meeting Minutes (Budget) of June 9, 2026; Special Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026; and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 6/0 with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative. [Councilwoman Littlefield was absent for the vote].

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Vilvas Indian Cuisine Liquor License (LL-0036-2026)**
Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 12 (Restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.
Location: 10434 E. Jomax Road
Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

2. Living Room Wine Café & Lounge Liquor License (LL-0037-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a location and owner transfer of a Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 20751 N. Pima Road, Suite 120

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

3. Pinnacle Grill Liquor License (LL-0038-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 12 (Restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 10428 E. Jomax Road, Suite 101

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

4. Yen Sushi & Revolving Bar Liquor License (LL-0039-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 12 (Restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 15801 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard, Suite 120

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

5. Aldi #181 Liquor License (LL-0040-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) State liquor license for a new location and new owner.

Location: 7919 E. Thomas Road, Suite 105

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

6. Verdict Reserve Spirits, LLC Liquor License (LL-0041-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 4 (Wholesaler) State liquor license for a new location and new owner.

Location: 9220 E. Verde Grove View

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

7. Drake's Hollywood Liquor License (LL-0042-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 12 (Restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 3828 N. Scottsdale Road

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

8. Nyah Nail Boutique Liquor License (LL-0043-2026)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) State liquor license for a new location and new owner.

Location: 10105 E. Via Linda, Suite A108

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

9. **Alma Liquor License (LL-0044-2026)**

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control for a new Series 12 (Restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 8700 E. Pinnacle Peak Road, Suite 115

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

10. **Sewer Line Easement with the Maricopa County Flood Control District**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13718** authorizing the Senior Director of Water Resources to execute the acceptance of a sewer line easement from the Maricopa County Flood Control District within the Indian Bend Wash.

Staff Contact(s): Thyra Ryden-Diaz, Interim Water Resources Senior Director, 480-312-4327,
tryden-diaz@scottsdaleaz.gov

11. **Booster Pump Station 55A Design Project Engineering Services**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13711** authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2026-115-COS with Wilson Engineers, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,275,208, for design phase services for the new Booster Pump Station 55A.
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute such documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov

12. **Pre-Employment Medical Services Contract**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13749** authorizing Contract No. 2021-135-COS-A1, the first amendment to a contract with Banner Occupational Health – Arizona, LLC, for a one-year extension, in an amount not to exceed \$52,000, for independent pre-employment medical services.

Staff Contact(s): Monica Boyd, Human Resources Senior Director, 480-312-2615,
mboyd@scottsdaleaz.gov

13. **Scottsdale Artists' School Lease Agreement**

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13663** authorizing Contract No. 2026-066-COS, a five-year lease agreement with two five-year extension options, with the Scottsdale Artists' School, Inc., for use of City-owned property.

Location: 3720 N. Marshal Way

Staff Contact(s): Kevin Burke, Economic Development & Tourism Senior Director, 480-312-2533, kburke@scottsdaleaz.gov

14. **Fire Department Warehouse Lease Renewal**

Requests: Adopt **Resolution No. 13743** authorizing:

1. Contract No. 2024-149-COS-A1, the first amendment to a contract with 84th Street Industrial, LLC, for the continued lease of warehouse space by the Scottsdale Fire Department for an additional five years and amending other contract terms.
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute such documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Location: 15820 N. 84th Street, Suite 200

Staff Contact(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, 480-312-1821, tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov

15. **Fire Service Training Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Mesa**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13698** authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute Contract No. 2026-091-COS, allowing the City of Scottsdale to be a party to an existing intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Mesa, for the purpose of enabling firefighter recruits to attend Mesa's training facility.
Staff Contact(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, 480-312-1821, tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov
16. **Emergency Fire Protection Services Intergovernmental Agreement with the Scottsdale County Island Fire District**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13744** authorizing Contract No. 2026-132-COS, a five-year intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Scottsdale County Island Fire District to provide emergency fire protection services to the county islands within the City of Scottsdale.
Staff Contact(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, 480-312-1821, tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov
17. **Outdoor Dining Patio Revocable License Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13756** authorizing Contract No. 2026-138-COS with 4000 Drinkwater Blvd, LLC, for an outdoor dining patio use on City property. The initial agreement will be for five years with two additional five-year extension options.
Location: 4000 Drinkwater Boulevard
Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, City Engineer and Transportation and Infrastructure Senior Director, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov
18. **Full-Service Crime Laboratory Grant**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13763** authorizing:
 1. The City Manager, or designee, to execute Contract No. 2026-144-COS with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, to receive a grant in the amount of \$90,000, for Crime Lab Forensic Services.
 2. A Fiscal Year 2026/27 Grants Contingency Budget transfer of up to \$90,000 to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.**Staff Contact(s):** Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jled@scottsdaleaz.gov
19. **Proposition 202 Grant Applications**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13742** authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit Proposition 202 grant applications to local tribal partners for tribal gaming grants for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
Staff Contact(s): Sara Sparman, Government Relations Manager, 480-312-2511, ssparman@scottsdaleaz.gov
20. **Scottsdale's Museum of the West Financial Participation Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13747** authorizing Contract No. 2026-137-COS, a financial participation agreement, with Scottsdale's Museum of the West, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the amount of \$1,250,000, to be allocated consistently with the managing, operating, and programming responsibilities set forth in Contract No. 2021-088-COS-A1.
Staff Contact(s): Kevin Burke, Economic Development & Tourism Senior Director, 480-312-2533, kburke@scottsdaleaz.gov
21. **Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships Event Funding Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13723** authorizing:
 1. Funding, not to exceed \$75,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated in the FY 2026/27 Operating Budget toward event retention and development for the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships.
 2. Contract No. 2026-123-COS, an event development funding agreement, with Scottsdale Polo Championships, LLC.

Staff Contact(s): Kevin Burke, Economic Development & Tourism Senior Director, 480-312-2533, kburke@scottsdaleaz.gov

22. Arabian National Breeder Finals Event Funding Agreement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13746** authorizing:

1. Funding, not to exceed \$66,250, from the portion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for promoting the City of Scottsdale through the Arabian National Breeder Finals.
2. Contract No. 2026-135-COS, an event development funding agreement, with Arabian Horse Association of Arizona.

Staff Contact(s): Kevin Burke, Economic Development & Tourism Senior Director, 480-312-2533, kburke@scottsdaleaz.gov

23. Community Event Funding Program Agreements

Requests: Adopt **Resolution No. 13759** authorizing funding for three community events in an amount up to \$34,500 from the portion of the FY2026/27 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development, and approving the following contracts:

1. Contract No. 2026-140-COS, a community event funding agreement, with Parada del Sol, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$13,500, related to the West's Most Western Rodeo.
2. Contract No. 2026-141-COS, a community event funding agreement, with Arizona Quarter Horse Association, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500, related to the Arizona Fall Championship.
3. Contract No. 2026-142-COS, a community event funding agreement, with Arizona Baseball Legacy and Experience, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,500, related to the Fall League Baseball Exhibit at Scottsdale Stadium.

Staff Contact(s): Kevin Burke, Economic Development & Tourism Senior Director, 480-312-2533, kburke@scottsdaleaz.gov

24. 2026 Scottsdale Title VI Plan Update

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13754** authorizing:

1. Adoption of the document titled "2026 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title VI Program."
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute any other documents and take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning & Transit Senior Manager, 480-312-2732, ndomme@scottsdaleaz.gov

25. Adoption of the City Auditor's Fiscal Year 2026/27 Audit Plan

Request: Approve the City Auditor's Fiscal Year 2026/27 Audit Plan, as recommended by the City Council's Audit Committee at its June 24, 2026 meeting.

Staff Contact(s): Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor, 480-312-7851, lcluff@scottsdaleaz.gov

26. Budget Review Commission Recommendations

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13769** accepting recommendations of the Budget Review Commission and providing direction for the Commission's continued work.

Staff Contact(s): Scott Selin, Budget Department Director, 480-312-2603, sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov

(Moved to Regular Agenda, see page 7)

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

Leah McCardie, Surprise resident, spoke in support of Item 18 [Full-Service Crime Laboratory Grant].

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Borowsky requested that Item 26 [Budget Review Commission Recommendations] be considered as part of the Regular Agenda.

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 25, noting that Item 26 [Budget Review Commission Recommendations] would be considered as part of the Regular Agenda. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

REGULAR AGENDA

26. Budget Review Commission Recommendations

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13769** accepting recommendations of the Budget Review Commission and providing direction for the Commission's continued work.

Staff Contact(s): Scott Selin, Budget Department Director, 480-312-2603,
sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mayor Borowsky introduced the Budget Review Commission recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 26

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

Joe Junker, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding the need to focus priorities on future benefits to the City, including infrastructure, the Advanced Purification Recycled Water project, and capital improvement projects.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

MOTION AND FRIENDLY AMENDMENT – ITEM 26

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13769 accepting the recommendations of the Budget Review Commission and providing direction for the Commission's continued work with the following amendments:

- Remove Item 2 [2004 Preserve sales tax]
- Amend Item 5 [Funding of aging infrastructure] to add water and sewer facility enterprise funds.

Councilwoman Dubauskas seconded the motion and made a friendly amendment to remove Item 3 [Bond 2019 projects]. The friendly amendment was accepted by Mayor Borowsky.

VOTE ON MOTION WITH FRIENDLY AMENDMENT – ITEM 26

The Council then voted on the amended motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice

Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

27. Short-Term Rental Emergency Contact Code Amendment

Request: Adopt **Ordinance No. 4720** amending Scottsdale Revised Code, Chapter 18, Public Nuisance and Property Maintenance; Article IX, Vacation Rentals and Short-Term Rentals; Division 2, Prohibitions and Operational Requirements, by repealing and replacing Section 18-172, Failure to Respond to an Emergency or Complaint; Penalties, relating to the failure of a designated vacation rental or short-term rental emergency contact to respond to an emergency or a complaint.

Presenter(s): Luis Santaella, City Attorney

Staff Contact(s): Luis Santaella, City Attorney, 480-312-7771, lsantaella@scottsdaleaz.gov

City Attorney Luis Santaella gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on amending Scottsdale Revised Code, Chapter 18, Public Nuisance and Property Maintenance; Article IX, Vacation Rentals and Short-Term Rentals; Division 2, Prohibitions and Operational Requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 27

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 27

Vice Mayor McAllen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4720 amending Scottsdale Revised Code, Chapter 18, Public Nuisance and Property Maintenance; Article IX, Vacation Rentals and Short-Term Rentals; Division 2, Prohibitions and Operational Requirements, by repealing and replacing Section 18-172, Failure to Respond to an Emergency or Complaint; Penalties, relating to the failure of a designated vacation rental or short-term rental emergency contact to respond to an emergency or a complaint. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Craig Ramey, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding Scottsdale's Flock camera program, what other cities have done with their Flock camera programs, and requested the item be discussed at a future Council Meeting.

Jason Alexander, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding Scottsdale's Flock camera program and Councilmembers' positions on this item.

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, discussed previous public comments regarding the Old Town parking garage, a Councilmember's comments on this garage, and the parking garage study that was performed for the northeast parking structure.

Melissa Kemp, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding Scottsdale's Flock camera program and public participation at City Council meetings.

Christine Burke, Scottsdale resident, discussed concerns regarding Scottsdale's Flock camera program and the need for police officers in neighborhoods.

Laura Schwartz, Scottsdale resident, discussed the 68th Street Citizen Petition related to sidewalk construction and expressed her gratitude that the sidewalk construction project is moving forward.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

28. Receipt of Citizen Petitions

Request: Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to:

1. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the petition for further discussion;
2. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or
3. Take no action.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

No citizen petitions were received.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

29. Appointment to the Scottsdale Arts Board of Trustees

Appointee: Mayor Lisa Borowsky – Mayor's proposed designee for Scottsdale Arts Board of Trustees

Request: Seeking Council approval of the Mayor's proposed appointee for the Councilmember Trustee position.

Mayor Borowsky introduced Item 29 [Appointment to the Scottsdale Arts Board of Trustees].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 29

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 29

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to appoint Mayor Borowsky as the designee for the Councilmember Trustee position. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

30. Appointment to the Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West Board of Trustees

Appointee: Councilman Adam Kwasman – Mayor's proposed designee for Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West Board of Trustees

Request: Seeking Council approval of the Mayor's proposed appointee for the Councilmember Trustee position.

Mayor Borowsky introduced Item 30 [Appointment to the Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West Board of Trustees].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 30

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 30

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to appoint Councilman Kwasman as the proposed designee for the Councilmember Trustee position. Councilman Graham seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

*****31. Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment**

Request: At the request of Councilwoman Whitehead, direct the City Attorney and City Clerk to agendize an item for Council consideration and possible action related to moving the non-agendized public comment section back towards the beginning of the Council Meeting agenda.

Note: The only possible Council action to be taken on Item No. 31 is:

1. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting;
2. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council; or
3. Take no action.

Councilwoman Whitehead introduced Item 31 [Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS 31 AND 32

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on these items, stating the Rules of Council Procedure only allowed three speakers. She explained that she would like to allow all five individuals requesting to speak an opportunity to provide their input unless there was objection from the Council. The Council did not object to this request.

Raoul Zubia, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 31 [Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment].

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 31 [Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment] and Item 32 [Agendize Future Item Related to Political Signs].

Jason Alexander, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 31 [Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment].

Melissa Kemp, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 31 [Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment].

Joe Junker, Scottsdale resident, spoke in support of Item 31 [Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment].

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on these items.

MOTION NO. 1 – ITEM 31

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting. Vice Mayor McAllen seconded the motion.

ALTERNATE MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 31

Councilwoman Dubauskas made an alternate motion to direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 5/2 with Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman and Littlefield voting in the affirmative and Vice Mayor McAllen and Councilwoman Whitehead dissenting.

32. Agendize Future Item Related to Political Signs

Request: At the request of Councilwoman Whitehead, direct the City Attorney and City Clerk to agendize a Council Meeting item related to establishing voluntary campaign sign guidelines for expanded sign-free zones, number of signs placed per square mile, sign size limitations, sign installation best practices, and sign removal.

Note: The only possible Council action to be taken on Item No. 32 is:

1. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to agendize the item for a future meeting;
2. Direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council; or
3. Take no action.

Councilwoman Whitehead introduced Item 32 [Agendize Future Item Related to Political Signs].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 32

The public comment for this item was covered as part of Item 31 Agendize Future Item Related to Non-Agendized Public Comment].

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 32

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to direct the City Manager or responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council. Councilwoman Dubauskas seconded the motion, which carried 6/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative. [Councilmember Kwasman was absent for the vote].

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilwoman Whitehead discussed the grand opening of the Thompson Peak Dog Park and the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference whose theme was “working together”.

Vice Mayor McAllen discussed the upcoming 9/11 Remembrance being held at 6:00 A.M. at City Hall, the Thompson Peak Dog Park grand opening, and the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference.

Councilman Graham discussed road maintenance projects that were being done and funded partially through federal grants, the Western Spirit Museum complimentary admission for children on September 5th and 6th, and the Thompson Peak Dog Park grand opening.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor McAllen; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:56 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on September 22, 2026

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 24th day of August 2026.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 22nd day of September 2026.



Ben Lane, City Clerk

August Service Anniversaries

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20 Years of Service

Robert Buttrum Nate Mullins
Rob Clark Jody Peters
Seth Peterson

25 Years of Service

Nicola Boyd Randy Kennedy
Alan Christensen Kevin Orvis
Curt Cluff Luis Santaella
Statia Hendrix Shaun Stansbury
Doug Hurst Scott Williamson

35 Years of Service

Carlos Valenzuela



PRESENTATION/
INFORMATION
UPDATES

Ordinance No. 4720

Repealing & Replacing SRC § 18-172 — Vacation Rental and Short-Term Rental Emergency Contact Response to Emergencies and Complaints

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 4720

Responsible Departments: City Attorney, Police Department

Staff Contact: Luis Santaella, City Attorney • (480) 312-2405 • lsantaella@scottsdaleaz.gov

Background & Legal Basis

Why the City is updating Section 18-172

THE GAP IN CURRENT CODE

- The Scottsdale Police Department fields frequent complaints and emergencies tied to vacation and short-term rentals.
- The current version of SRC § 18-172 only requires the emergency contact to be available to respond to emergencies — not to complaints.
- That gap leaves the City without a direct enforcement tool when a designated contact ignores a complaint that never rises to an in-person emergency response.
- Ordinance No. 4720 closes that gap by extending the same 24/7 duty to complaints, not just emergencies.

THE STATE LAW REQUIREMENT

A.R.S. § 9-500.39 limits how cities can regulate vacation and short-term rentals, but it **expressly requires** owners to give the City emergency contact information for a designee who is *"responsible for responding to complaints or emergencies in a timely manner."*

Result: Ordinance No. 4720 aligns City code with state law by expanding the emergency-contact duty to cover complaints, giving the City an additional enforcement tool against problem rentals.

What Ordinance No. 4720 Does

Section 18-172 is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following framework

01 24/7 Availability Emergency contacts must be reachable by phone or email around the clock — before the rental is offered, and continuously while the license is active — to address both complaints and emergencies. (Subsection a)	02 In-Person Response Retained When public safety personnel request it during an emergency, the contact must still respond in person to the property within one hour. This existing duty is unchanged. (Subsection b)
03 New Definition: "Complaint" Any incident of unlawful operation, or a report to the City alleging a crime, disturbance, loud noise, or other activity that is offensive or detrimental to health or safety. (Subsection c(1))	04 Definition: "Emergency" Any time police, fire, or other public safety personnel respond to the rental for a call for service — including a nuisance party or unlawful gathering. (Subsection c(2))

Civil Penalty Structure

Minimum fines are unchanged for in-person response failures; new minimums apply to the expanded complaint duty

Violation	Responsible Party	Penalty	Code Ref.
Contact not reachable 24/7 by phone or email	Emergency contact	\$500 minimum	(d)
Owner intentionally/knowingly/recklessly allows 24/7 non-compliance	Owner	\$500 minimum	(e)
Fails to respond in person to emergency location	Emergency contact	\$500 minimum	(f)
Fails to arrive within one hour of request	Emergency contact	\$250 minimum	(f)
Owner intentionally/knowingly/recklessly allows in-person non-compliance	Owner	\$500 minimum	(g)
Fails to provide/maintain emergency contact info after 30-day notice	Owner	Up to \$1,000 per 30-day period	(h)

None.

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